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Toronto Catholic District School Board's 2008-2009 Top Graduating Students

Jana Cmorejova from Bishop Allen Academy in Etobicoke has achieved 100 percent, the highest average of all Grade 12 graduating students within the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) for the 2008-2009 academic year. Jana earned 100 percent in Religion, Psychology, Calculus and Vectors, Mathematics of Data Management, Advanced Functions and Biology (*4 of these courses were at the Advanced Placement level*).

Throughout her time at Bishop Allen Academy, Jana took part in a letter writing campaign to enforce the need for adequate elementary educational facilities in the Ontario native community of Attawapiskat. The group of students involved in this campaign, including Jana, travelled to Ottawa to bring a greater awareness of this issue to the House of Commons. Jana was a peer tutor for fellow classmates in a range of subjects and also played the violin at school masses and other functions. She also volunteered in a 24 hour relay in an effort to raise money and awareness for Easter Seals and children with physical disabilities.

McMaster University has given Jana a \$3,000 entrance scholarship where she will be studying Health Sciences in the fall. As a future career, she wishes to be in the field of Medical Research with a focus on Neuroscience. The Board will recognize Ms. Cmorejova with a TCDSB Student Achievement Award at its annual Special Awards Event in the Spring.

Ania Ochocinski placed 2nd overall within the TCDSB, earning an average of 99.83 percent. A graduate of Bishop Allen Academy, Ania is set to attend Queen's University for the Concurrent Education program. She hopes to teach in the Arts at the Junior/Intermediate level. Ania was awarded a \$5,000 entrance scholarship and a \$1,975 Janet and Thomson McLaughlin Award from Queen's University. While attending Bishop Allen Academy, Ania was Editor in Chief of the school newspaper, was part of a debating team for a model United Nations assembly, sang in the school's choir and volunteered for several school initiatives such as a letter-writing campaign to build a new school in Attawapiskat and Grade 9 orientation. Ania also found time to volunteer at her local library and has her Grade 8 piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Ania will work as a camp counsellor over the summer months.

Olga Paprotska, also a graduate of Bishop Allen Academy, is the third place overall top student for the TCDSB. Olga earned an average of 99.33 percent, a close third to the top two students. Olga belonged to the school's choir for three years and SCOPE (*Students Concerned about Oppression of People and the Environment*). She also volunteered at many school activities.

Top students from other municipalities within Toronto

Adam Craig of Brebeuf College School is the top graduating student in North York with an average of 98.5. At Brebeuf's commencement, Adam was awarded a stunning 15 awards including 5 awards for highest ranking average in various subjects, the E.G. Berry Renaissance award, the Governor General Award and more. Adam will be attending Waterloo University in September studying Mechatronics Engineering.

Gabrielle Fournier of St. Joseph's College School is the top graduating student in the former City of Toronto. With an average of 97.5, Gabrielle earned herself 5 Subject Awards at her Commencement, the Principals Award, as well as the Governor Generals Award. The University of Toronto has rewarded her with a \$5000 entrance scholarship where she will be studying Psychology and Biology in September.

Leroy Gonsalves-Prabhu from Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary school is the top graduating student in Scarborough with a final overall average of 97.33. Leroy has been rewarded for his diligent studies by York University, with a full scholarship where he will be studying at their Schulich School of Business.

The top student of York is David Castro. David is a graduate of Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School and has an average of 95.17. David was the recipient of the Bob Couchman Bursary of \$1000 and will be receiving an entrance scholarship of \$14,000 to be used throughout the first three years of his studies at York University where he will be studying Medical Science.

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The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 90,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves 474,876 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.